MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon'ble Speaker would come by that time. You please don't worry.

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : You have caused worry and now asking as to why I am worried. You know as to why I am worried.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, we shall take up matters under Rule 377. Shri Chhatra Pal Singh.

18.02 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need for construction of a bridge over river Ganga at Anupshahar in U.P.

[Translation]

SHRI CHHATRAPAL SINGH (Bulandshahar) : Anupshahar under my parliamentary constituency Bulandshahar is an important commercial and religions centre. There are many educational institutions here. It is situated on the banks of river Ganga. On the other side of Ganga river is Badaun district but there is no permanent bridge on river Ganga for connecting these two districts. During winter season, a pontoon bridge is erected but during the remaining 8 months of the year, there is no arrangement to cross the river as a result of which the people of both districts have to face difficulties and it adversely affects the trade, education and religious feelings.

Through you, I would like to request the Union Government to construct a permanent bridge over river Ganga at Anupshahar.

(ii) Need to open L.P.G. outlets in Ratlam and Mandsaur districts of Madhya Pradesh

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY (Mandsaur) : People at many places in Madhya Pradesh are facing lot of difficulties due to lack of L.P.G. connections. In many cities the waiting lists for L.P.G. connections have become very long. The situation is such that there is shortage of fuel in rural areas and the demand for L.P.G. has been increasing in small towns also. Alongwith big cities, there are also some places which had been district headquarters or the state capitals earlier. Jawara in Ratlam district and Shyamgarh, Manasa and Garodha in Mandsaur district are prominent among them. These places also fulfil all the requirements for opening gas agencies there.

At last, I would request the Minister of Petroleum to open L.P.G. Agencies in Jawra town of Ratlam district and Shyamgarh, Manasa and Garodha of Mandsaur district so that the problems of consumers could be solved. In this context, I would also request that new gas agencies should be opened at such places where the waiting list is long.

(iii) Need to transfer one Post of AIR Correspondent from Bhuj Akashvani Kendra to Rajkot

DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA (Rajkot) : Justice has not been done to the six border and coastal districts of Saurashtra by creating only a post of news correspondent for Akashvani Kendra of Rajkot which is the old capital of Saurashtra region of Gujarat. It has adversely affected the news coverage of this area in national news. There are two posts of news correspondents at Bhuj Centre. Therefore, we all political representatives, social organisations demand that one post of Barraki (Bhuj) may be transferred from Bhuj to Rajkot Kendra so that this region could find place in national news.

The Union Government is requested to take action in this regard at the earlier.

(iv) Need for Early Implementation of Economic Package Declared for Jammu and Kashmir

[English]

SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA (Jammu) : Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Union Government to a very important matter relating to economic package declared for Jammu and Kashmir State by the Government of India.

Sir, the proxy war by our neighbouring country has brought untold miseries to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and lakhs of people have lost their home and means of livelihood. Unemployment has touched new heights and economic development suffered immensely. From last year, however, the winds have changed and favourable climate set in. The Government of India responded to this changed situation and last year the then Prime Minister announced economic package for the people of Jammu and Kashmir not only during his visit to the State but also on the floor of the House.

Apart from economic package, there is also urgent need to grant following reliefs.

Rehabilitation and grant of relief to the tune of Rs. 25,000/- per family to Pak occupied territories of Jammu and Kashmir and relief of Rs. 1,00,000/- per family to erstwhile West Pakistan Refugees in Jammu and Kashmir

[Shri Mangat Ram Sharma]

as recommended by Jammu and Kashmir Government and also grant of citizenship rights to them.

Rehabilitation and relief of Chhamb Refugees.

Rehabilitation and increase in relief to Kashmiri Migrants and not to force them back till complete normalcy in the valley returns.

I urge upon the hon. Prime Minister to implement the declared concessions to Jammu and Kashmir for the prosperity of the State.

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : You please read the text.

(v) Need to implement the recommendations of Mandal Commission strictly

SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV (Patna) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, reservation in Govt. services was provided to the persons belonging to other Backward classes in accordance with the recommendations of the Mandal Commission. Some years back, the Union Government have implemented the relevant orders in this regard but the departments are yet to implement those orders due to which the targets fixed by the Government for the progress of backward classes are not being achieved.

Alongwith it, I also want to say that the other Backward classes cannot progress unless reservation facility is given to them at the time of admission in educational and technical institutions. Other Backward classes should be given age relaxation on the pattern of relaxation available to the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes for examinations being conducted by U.P.S.C. and they should also be given more opportunities for appearing in these examination.

Therefore, the Union Government is requested to implement the recommendations of the Mandal Commission strictly. Parliamentary Committees may be appointed which can review the progress made by various departments in this regard.

(vi) Need to set up a Steel Plant in Public Sector in Jahanabad, Bihar

SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH (Jahanabad) : Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Union Government towards my parliamentary constituency Jahanabad. This area has been a terrorist affected area since 1967. This area consists of three districts. Jahanabad is a new district. There is no major industry in Jahanabad.

It is a backward district. This area is facing the problem of unemployment as a result of which youth are adopting the path of extremism. Water is available in abundance in this area and coal and iron deposits are also available nearby. There is only one steel plant in public sector in Bihar namely Bokaro Steel Plant. We are going to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of the Country. Our first Prime Minister, Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru, had introduced the policy of setting up of Industries in public sector. We have been deviating from that policy as a result of which unemployment is increasing, extremism is increasing and the whole of the area is being privatised.

In this situation, the Union Government is requested to set up a steel plant in public sector in Jahanabad so that unemployment may be removed and extremism may be wiped out from Jahanabad parliamentary constituency. It would be profitable to set up steel plant there because all the three raw materials are available nearby.

(vii) Need to Instal Telephones at Public Places under the Scheme for providing Telephones in every village

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly) : Sir, the department of telecommunications has been extending telephone facility in all the villages of the country and this job is being executed on priority basis, but due to the faulty procedure, the real benefit of these telephones is not reaching to the common people. Most of these telephones are installed in private houses on the basis of party affiliations due to which these are not properly maintained and stop functioning after six months.

Therefore, I request the Minister of Communications to streamline the procedure of installing the above telephones and that these telephone should only be installed at public institutions, Commercial centres or these should be provided only to the educated unemployed under PCO Scheme. The security deposit for these telephones should also be increased so that the these telephone remain functional.

(viii) Need to provide necessary infrastructure at Hyderabad Airport to Encourage Agro-Export from Andhra Pradesh

[English]

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY (Visakhapatnam) : Mr.